

# Instructions for US Service Academy Nominations

***Congressman Todd R. Platts (PA-19)***

In order for your nomination application to be complete, you must send items 1 - 5 to the York County District Office (see box below for address) by October 1, 2010:

☐ **1) Complete Application for US Service Academy Nomination**

Type or neatly print your answers on the downloadable application. You will not be able to save your work unless you have Adobe Acrobat. For the essay questions, please limit your responses to 400 words per question. We suggest that you first write your responses in a word processor and then cut-and-paste them to the application form.

☐ **2) A recent wallet-size photograph of yourself**

☐ **3) Three letters of recommendation**

You may select either a teacher, principal, employer, member of clergy, coach or scout leader to write a letter of recommendation. Choosing someone who knows you well and has observed you succeed in a leadership position, classroom setting, character building situation or work environment is critical. Therefore, do not ask someone to write a letter of recommendation based upon their accomplishments, but rather, someone who can attest to yours. Attached to this application are three US Service Academy Recommendation Letter forms for you to give out.

☐ **4) Official copy of high school transcript**

Your high school transcripts must show your class rank at the end of your junior year.

☐ **5) Official SAT and/or ACT scores**

If your SAT or ACT report is not included in your official transcript, you must include an official copy of your SAT or ACT report with your application. If you wish to designate for my office to receive your scores directly, please enter the following reporting codes on your test forms:

SAT 2492

ACT 7653

☐ **6) Complete the Update for US Service Academy Nomination form**

Please complete this form with your updated information and bring it with you to my office for your Nomination Interview. This form does not need to be updated by the October 1st deadline.

## **Application Deadline**

# **October 1, 2010**

To be considered for nominations for the class entering 2011, your complete application must be received at the following address or postmarked by October 1, 2010.

**Mail application material to:**

Congressman Todd R. Platts  
Attn: US Service Academy Nominations  
York County District Office  
2209 East Market Street  
York, PA 17402

In mid-October, we will call those candidates with fully-completed nomination applications to schedule a 30 minute interview with my US Service Academy Nomination Board. Remember, only those candidates with completed nomination applications will be called for an interview.

Please call the York County District Office at (717) 600-1919 if you have questions about your nomination application.

# Application for US Service Academy Nomination

*Congressman Todd R. Platts (PA-19)*

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name (First Middle Last)

Nickname

Social Security Number

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Birthday (mm/dd/yy)      Age      Height      Weight

Mailing Address

City      State      Zip Code

## EDUCATION

List high schools, prep schools and colleges you have attended or are now attending.

Name of School Currently Attending

Graduation Date

Telephone Number

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School (if currently attending prep/college)

Graduation Date

Telephone Number

Class Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEGAL RESIDENCE or HOME OF RECORD

If your address listed above is not your Legal Residence/Home of Record, please provide it address below:

Street Address

City      State      Zip Code

## COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS

Please provide the highest score you received in each of the individual sections of the tests (individual section scores can come from multiple tests).

### Highest SAT Scores

Verbal	Math	Written	Composite*

### Highest ACT Score

Composite

How many times have you taken the SAT? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times have you taken the ACT? \_\_\_\_\_

Yes      No

☐      ☐ Do you plan to retake the SAT or ACT again?

☐      ☐ Are you scheduled to retake either the SAT or ACT again?

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## FATHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Father's Name

Address (or write 'same as mine')

City State Zip Code

Occupation

Employer

### Military Service History

Branch of Service Years of Service

Highest Rank Achieved Current Status

## MOTHER/LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother's Name

Address (or write 'same as mine')

City State Zip Code

Occupation

Employer

### Military Service History

Branch of Service Years of Service

Highest Rank Achieved Current Status

## ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE HISTORY

Do you have any other family members currently serving in the military or are veterans of the armed services?

Name	Relation	Service Branch	Years of Service

## ACADEMY PREFERENCE

Indicate your preference in numerical order. **Please only designate the Academy or Academies where you intend to seek an appointment.** Due to the competitive nature of the nomination process, you may receive a nomination to the Academy of your second, third, or fourth choice.

- \_\_\_\_\_ US Air Force Academy
- \_\_\_\_\_ US Merchant Marine Academy
- \_\_\_\_\_ US Military Academy
- \_\_\_\_\_ US Naval Academy
- \_\_\_\_\_ US Coast Guard Academy\*

\* The US Coast Guard Academy does NOT require a nomination for entry.

## NOMINATION SOURCES

Please indicate the following additional nomination sources to which you have applied or are applying for. It is highly suggested that you apply for all nomination sources that you are eligible for.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Arlen Specter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Robert Casey
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vice President Joseph Biden
- \_\_\_\_\_ President Barack Obama\*
- \_\_\_\_\_ JROTC\*

\* Please visit the Academy's website for information and restrictions concerning Presidential and JROTC nominations.

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**Yes      No**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a Citizen of the United States?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a legal resident of the 19th Congressional District of Pennsylvania?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Is one of your parents a legal resident of the 19th Congressional District of Pennsylvania?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you applied for a US Service Academy Nomination before?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are any of your parents or siblings a Disabled Veteran, Missing in Action (MIA) or Killed in Action (KIA)?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did any of your parents or siblings attend a US Service Academy?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a recruited athlete at a US Service Academy?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Have you ever been cited, arrested, convicted or fined for any violation of any law or ordinance? If so please provide details to include date of offense on a separate sheet of paper. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of either ROTC or JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps)?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend a summer program at a US Service Academy (i.e, sports camp, summer seminar, etc.)?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corp?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Are you a member of Civil Air Patrol?   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Do you have a Pilot's License or have you received any flight instruction?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Did you attend Congressman Platt's Academy Night and how did you hear about it?   |

If you were a team captain or expect to be a team captain, indicate so with the number of years (1, 2, etc.). If needed, additional interscholastic sports, marching band & awards information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

[illegible]

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If you were a team captain, indicate so with the number of years (1, 2, etc.). If needed, additional sports and awards information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

Sport	Participating Years				Captain	Awards
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.		

Under Responsibilities include what position you held or are expected to hold as an officer of the club or organizer of the activity. If needed, additional clubs, activities & JROTC information can be included on a separate sheet of paper.

[illegible]

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If your hours/week vary between the summer and school year, please list the job twice and show the hours/week for each of them.

[illegible]

Under **Responsibilities** include whether you were an officer or leader of the organization/activity.

[illegible]

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## SPECIAL AWARDS/HONORS

Under **Description**, please provide any quantifying information you can such as, '1 out of 20', 'top 3%', etc. If you need additional room, please add a separate sheet of paper.

Name of Award/Honor	Year(s) Received				Description
	Fr.	So.	Jr.	Sr.	

## OTHER INFORMATION

Any other additional information you would like Congressman Platts and the Nomination Board to know about you?

## APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

The information I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge. I am a U.S. Citizen or will be by July 1, 2011; I am at least 17 but not 23 years of age on July 1, 2011; I am unmarried; not pregnant; have no child support obligation; and I am a legal resident of the State of Pennsylvania.

Signature

Date

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## **ESSAY**

**Why are you applying to the US Service Academies?**

**Based upon your research, what do you believe will be your biggest challenge at an US Service Academy?**

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**Air Force Academy**  
**Merchant Marine Academy**  
**Military Academy**  
**Naval Academy**  
**Coast Guard Academy**

**SAT**

**ACT**

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Comp

Math

Writing

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GPA

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**Please include this  
page in your  
initial application.**

**This page draws  
information from  
your application if  
you fill it out on a  
computer.**

**If you complete your  
application by hand,  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Applicant (First Middle Last)*

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The Academies provide a college education leading to a career as an officer in the Armed Forces of the United States. While at an Academy, the applicant will accomplish a highly demanding academic, athletic and military curriculum that provides little opportunity for free time. Cadets and Midshipmen are required to live under an Honor Code that does not tolerate lying, stealing or cheating. Those individuals who violate the Honor Code are very often dismissed from the Academies. An appointment to an US Service Academy is equivalent to a 4-year scholarship worth \$415,000.

We are looking for candidates of the highest moral character, who have demonstrated strong leadership ability and who readily accept and embrace challenges both academically and physically. As you write your letter, remember the purpose of US Service Academies is to develop future leaders for the US Military. We have reviewed the applicant's academic and athletic achievements and are specifically looking for input on whether the applicant displays the leadership and moral character traits you would expect of an US Military Officer.

To assist you in identifying examples of leadership and character, we have listed some attributes below:

- Personality traits, strengths and weaknesses
- Professionalism and demeanor when dealing with others
- Adaptability and how the applicant works under pressure
- Teamwork and how the applicant works with others
- Competitive nature of the applicant
- Initiative of the applicant
- Respectfulness of authority and difference of opinion
- Helpfulness to others
- Ability to accept criticism

Also, please provide the following information in your letter:

- Your name, address and contact phone number
- State your relationship to the applicant
- Number of years you've known or observed the applicant
- Where you have observed the applicant

## **Recommendation Deadline**

# **October 1, 2010**

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# STOP!

Complete this page immediately prior to your scheduled interview with the most up-to-date information that you have.

Bring this page along with any additional material and supporting documentation to the interview.

Additional information/changes not specifically requested below may be annotated on the back of this page.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Legal Name (First Middle Last)

Nickname

## COLLEGE BOARD TESTS UPDATE

Provide the date and scores you received in each of the individual sections of the tests.

### Individual SAT Tests

Date	Verbal	Math	Written	Composite

☐ Yes, I am scheduled to take the SAT again.

☐ No, I am not taking the SAT again.

### Individual ACT Tests

Date	Composite

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## NOMINATION APPLICATION STATUS

Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Did Not Apply', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Status of Application
Senator Arlen Specter	
Senator Robert Casey	
Vice President Joseph Biden	
President Barack Obama*	
JROTC*	

\* Application restrictions apply to Presidential and JROTC

## ACADEMY APPLICATION STATUS

Rank order only those Academies that you would accept an appointment to. Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Not Interested', 'Not Started', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Rank Order	Status of Application
US Air Force Academy		
US Military Academy		
US Naval Academy		
US Merchant Marine Academy		
US Coast Guard Academy		

## ROTC APPLICATION STATUS

Rank order only those ROTC programs you are interested in. Under **Status of Application**, annotate as 'Not Interested', 'Not Started', 'Incomplete', or 'Complete'.

Name	Rank Order	Status of Application
US Air Force ROTC		
US Army ROTC		
US Naval ROTC		
US Naval ROTC (Marine option)		